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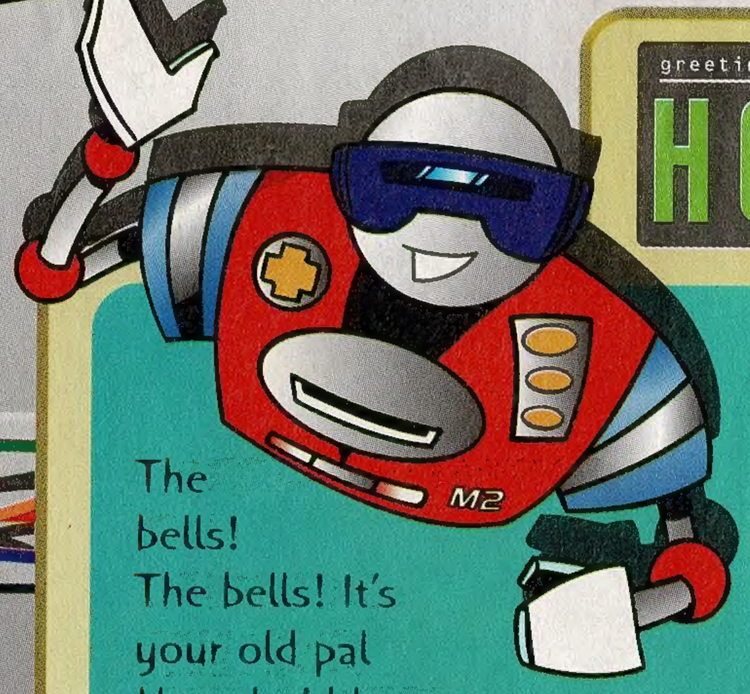

greetings

HEY BOOMERS!

The bells! The bells! It's your old pal Megadroid here, ringing in a new look to your fave comic for 1998. After almost two and a half years, the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge, decided it was time *STC* had another upgrade. Make it your resolution to write and tell me what you think of the new design!

This issue also includes **all new stories**, featuring the return, by popular demand, of the red dreaded echidna, **Knuckles**, in a team-up with **Tails**! Plus, there's **Sonic, Amy & Tekno**, and **Decap Attack** too.

As if that wasn't enough, there's a sega-sational **Sonic, Tails and Knuckles Pin-Up**, together with your own artwork in the **'98 Resolution Zone**!

Thanks for buying *STC* throughout 1997 and for swamping the office with your Christmas cards. I was so snowed under, I couldn't see the humes' faces for weeks (my new year wish came true earlier than I expected!).

Megadroid

SCORE A HIT WITH THESE

HIP BASEBALL JACKETS

EXCLUSIVE COMPO

How would you like to wear Sonic out? Well, thanks to those generous Sega folk, you get the chance to do just that in the next issue when *STC* has 30 **Sonic Jackets** to win! Be there!

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SONIC

new complete story

RIOT RESOLUTION

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NEW YEAR'S DAY IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE...

HAPPY NEW YEAR, SONIC! MADE ANY RESOLUTIONS?

JUST THE USUAL. TO STAY COOL AND KEEP ROBOTNIK FROM TAKING OVER THE WORLD!

HOW'S ABOUT YOU GUYS?

Um...I DON'T REALLY KNOW...

WE WANT TO MAKE NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS...

...BUT WE CAN'T DECIDE WHAT TO RESOLVE ABOUT!

WE'RE JUST ON OUR WAY TO WALLY DITHER'S CENTRE FOR THE UNDECIDED!

Um...WHEN WE DECIDE ON THE BEST ROUTE TO GET THERE!

WALLY WHAT?

IT'S A PLACE FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T MAKE THEIR MINDS UP!

WALLY DITHERS PROMISES TO MAKE FOLK MORE *ASSERTIVE!*

SOUNDS LIKE A PLACE FOR LOSERS TO ME! CATCH YOU LATER, DUDES!

UM, ER, YES! MAYBE!

LATER...

CENTRE FOR THE UNDECIDED

WELCOME ONE AND ALL! I'M *WALLY DITHERS* AND I'LL DO YOUR THINKING FOR YOU!

THAT'S A WEIGHT OFF OUR MINDS!

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IS MAKE A *STRONG* DECISION... A *BOLD RESOLUTION*, AND *STICK* TO IT!

YES! JUST TELL US WHAT TO DECIDE, MISTER DITHERS!

REPEAT AFTER ME... *I RESOLVE TO DESTROY SONIC!*

W-WE CAN'T *DO THAT!*

WHAT'S WRONG? THE RESOLUTION TOO *TOUGH* FOR YOU? GONNA *WIMP OUT* ON ME NOW?

EXACTLY! UM...EXCEPT SAVE THE WORLD A FEW DOZEN TIMES!

I GUESS WE *COULD* GO ALONG WITH IT!

YEAH! WHAT'S THAT HEDGEHOG EVER DONE FOR US?

LET'S GO FOR IT! *DESTROY SONIC!*

HOW EASY THE INDECISIVE ARE TO CONTROL, EH, *GRAND CHIEF WHIP?*

RIGHT, *BROTHER WALLY!* THE FOOLS WILL DO JUST AS INSTRUCTED, LEAVING US TO CARRY OUT *STAGE TWO* OF OUR PLAN! *NYAHAHAHA!*

THERE HE IS! *GET HIM!*

HEY, IF IT'S AN AUTOGRAPH YOU WANT, FORM A QUEUE!

TERRIBLY SORRY, SONIC, BUT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CAUSE YOU GREAT INJURY!

NOTHING PERSONAL!

WE CAN'T BACK DOWN! IT'S OUR *NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!*

OH YEAH?

THUNK!

SPIN!

HOW'S THIS FOR A NEW YEAR'S *REVOLUTION*?

AWWK!

STILL WANNA ATTACK ME?

YES. YOU SEE, OUR MINDS ARE MADE UP!

OBVIOUSLY, I NEED PLAN "B"!

OKAY, YOU WANT ME? TRY TO CATCH ME!

WHOOOSH!

Gasp!

SONIC LEADS THE MOB ON A CROSS-COUNTRY RUN...

DESTROY! ≥Wheeze!≤ DES-≥Pant!≤-TROY!

≥Gasp!≤ SMASH! BASH! ≥Pant!≤ OH, WHAT'S THE POINT?

≥Wheeze!≤ LIFE WAS EASIER WHEN WE WERE WIMPS!

IF ONLY DITHERS HAD GIVEN US A DIFFERENT RESOLUTION!

SO IT'S *HIS* FAULT, EH?

I'VE GOT A FEELING YOU WERE USED TO *DISTRACT* ME! *I'D BETTER GET BACK TO THE VILLAGE!*

ONWARD, BROTHER WALLY! SONIC'S CONTROL CENTRE WHICH HOUSES THE KINTOBOR COMPUTER MUST BE DESTROYED!

YES!

OUR MASTER WILL REWARD US WELL! THIS WILL BE A MAJOR VICTORY FOR THE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK APPRECIATION TRIBE!

NOTHING CAN STOP US NOW!

!

UIP! IT'S SONIC!

NO PROBLEM! WE HAVE ENOUGH FIREPOWER TO FINISH HIM!

DON'T DALLY, DITHERS! DESTROY HIM!

UM... I CAN'T DECIDE WHETHER TO USE THE PROPLASMIC ENERGON BLASTER OR THE ELECTROBOLT PULSAR PUMPER!

I THINK IT'S BECOME IRRELEVANT NOW, ACTUALLY.

WRAP BOOST!

YAY, SONIC! SORRY WE WERE SO LOOPY EARLIER!

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE FALLEN FOR IT IF YOU WERE MORE *DECISIVE*!

MAYBE WE SHOULD ALL MAKE *NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS* TO *THINK FOR OURSELVES* FROM NOW ON!

Hmm!

WHAT DO *YOU* THINK, SONIC?

=Sigh.=

The End.

NEXT ISSUE: HOBSON & CHOY! Part 1

tails & knuckles

new complete story

NEW YEAR TWISTER

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THE **FLOATING ISLAND**, HOME OF **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!**

TAILS! WHAT BRINGS **YOU** HERE? YOU KNOW I DON'T APPRECIATE **OUTSIDERS** ON MY ISLAND!

CHILL OUT, **KNUCKLES!** AS WE DIDN'T SEE YOU OVER **CHRISTMAS**, I THOUGHT I'D DROP BY TO WISH YOU A **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

MY APOLOGIES, FRIEND! I ENJOY MY SOLITUDE HERE, BUT TIMES AND DATES OFTEN PASS UNNOTICED!

EVER THOUGHT OF BUYING A **CALENDAR?**

I SEE **SONIC** DIDN'T BOTHER COMING! TOO **BUSY** I SUPPOSE?

HE'S RUSHED OFF HIS FEET, AS USUAL!

RRRUMMBLE!

HEY! WHAT'S THAT **RUMBLING**?

COULD BE MY STOMACH! I MISSED **BREAKFAST** TODAY!

RUUMMBLLE!

AVALANCHE! MOVE IT!

OOER!

HOLD ON, TAILS! I'LL GET US THROUGH THIS!

I'M GLAD ONE OF US IS CONFIDENT!

WE'RE SAFE NOW!

YEAH, BUT MY BI-PLANE IS **BURIED** UNDER THE SNOW!

THAT'S NO PROBLEM TO AN ECHIDNA LIKE ME!

MAYBE WE SHOULD FLY TO ANOTHER ZONE IN CASE IT HAPPENS AGAIN?

LATER...

THERE'S NO DANGER OF AN AVALANCHE HERE IN THE **MUSHROOM HILL ZONE!**

IT REMINDS ME I MISSED **BREAKFAST** THOUGH!

STRANGE... IT'S GETTING VERY **WINDY** ALL OF A SUDDEN!

DON'T BLAME ME!

A **TORNADO!** IT'S HEADING THIS WAY!

THIS IS GETTING TO BE A HABIT! **HANG ON!**

SURE, BUT WHAT ARE **YOU** GONNA HANG ON TO?

IF... I CAN JUST... ANCHOR US TO THIS CLIFF... **GOT IT!**

THE TWISTER'S GONE! IT DIDN'T CAUSE ANY DAMAGE TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT EITHER!

YEAH, **WEIRD!**

THERE'S SOMETHING MOVING IN THOSE BUSHES! COULD BE **BADNIKS!**

NOT ON **MY** ISLAND!

THAT SHOULD SHAKE 'EM UP!

THE SHOCKWAVES FROM KNUCKLES' POWERFUL BLOW REVEAL THE SOURCE OF THE MYSTERY...

SONIC! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

NICE TO SEE YOU TOO, BUDDY!

IT WAS MY **SPIN ATTACK** AND **SPEED** THAT CAUSED THE AVALANCHE AND TORNADO!

I NEVER SAW YOU AS A **PRACTICAL JOKER**, SONIC!

IT'S NO JOKE, KNUCKLES! I WAS **TESTING** YOU TO SEE IF YOU'VE STILL GOT WHAT IT TAKES!

I WAS IN ON IT TOO, I'M AFRAID!

YOU'VE BOTH GOT A **NERVE!**

LOOK, WHILE ROBOTNIK'S STILL A DANGER TO PLANET MOBIUS, WE NEED DUDES LIKE YOU IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIM!

I'LL BE THERE WHEN YOU NEED ME! COUNT ON IT!

THAT'S SETTLED THEN! NOW WE CAN CARRY ON WITH THE HOGMANAY CELEBRATIONS!

OR **HEDGEHOG**-MANAY IN YOUR CASE, SONIC!

I GUESS I DESERVED THAT!

THE END.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, BOOMERS!

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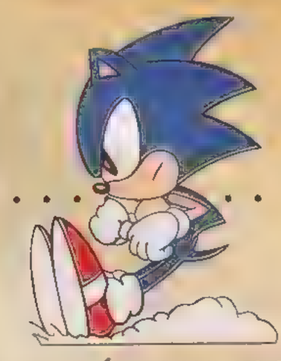

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SUPER SONIC

Dear Megadroid,

I really enjoyed reading the last Super Sonic story which finished in *STC* 118, as I think he's crazy but cool. Could you please tell me in which issue Sonic first turned super?

Clare Riches,
Esh Winning, Durham.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Yes, Clare, Sonic made the big change in STC 7, which for trivia buffs, was when artist Richard Elson first joined STC clan!

HAYLEY'S COMBAT

Dear Megadroid,

I would like to know the answer to two things please...
(1) When is the Sega Channel coming to the West Midlands in the Dudley and Wolverhampton areas?
(2) Also, how come Lynne Triplett has had her name in the comic twice (once in *STC* 84 and again in *STC* 110), when I can't even get a letter or drawing published once?

Hayley Gonderton,
Pensnett, W Midlands.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

(1) Unfortunately, Hayley, Sega say they have no plans for the Sega Channel to operate in the West Midlands. It seems to be just in England's North West and North East.
(2) Oh yes you can!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Dear *STC*,
Q: What's blue and prickly and squirts jam at you?
A: Sonic eating a jam doughnut.

PLEASE SEND IN NAME AND ADDRESS.
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CHAOTIX RETURN

Dear Megadroid,

It's always the obvious characters that readers think are the coolest. However, my faves are strangely disappearing from *STC* - I'm speaking about Super Sonic and Chaotix. I demand that you bring them back!

Richard Ng,
Dublin, Rep of Ireland.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Oh alright then! The good news is that Chaotix are back with Knuckles in the very next issue for a new four part story. However, Super Sonic's 'resting' after his recent series.

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Robotnik's explosive New Year!

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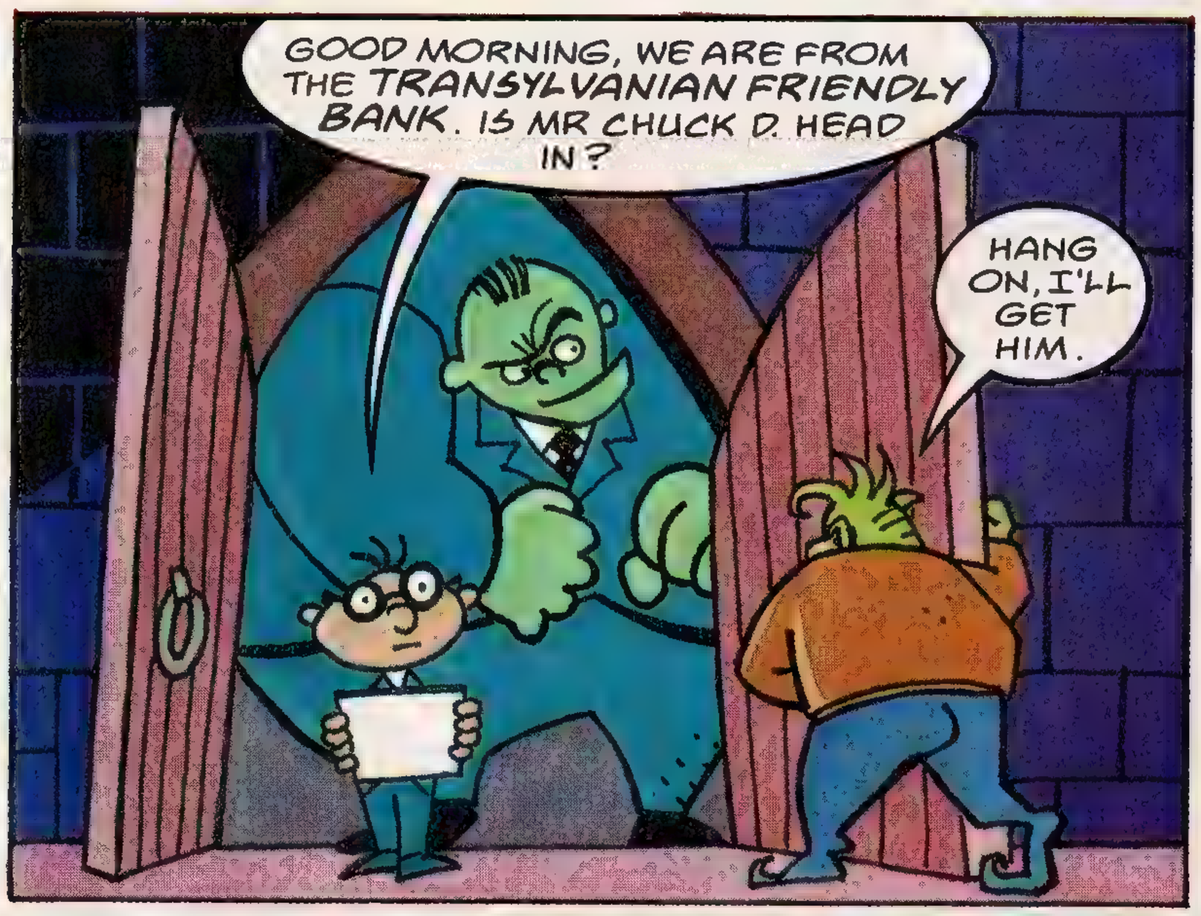

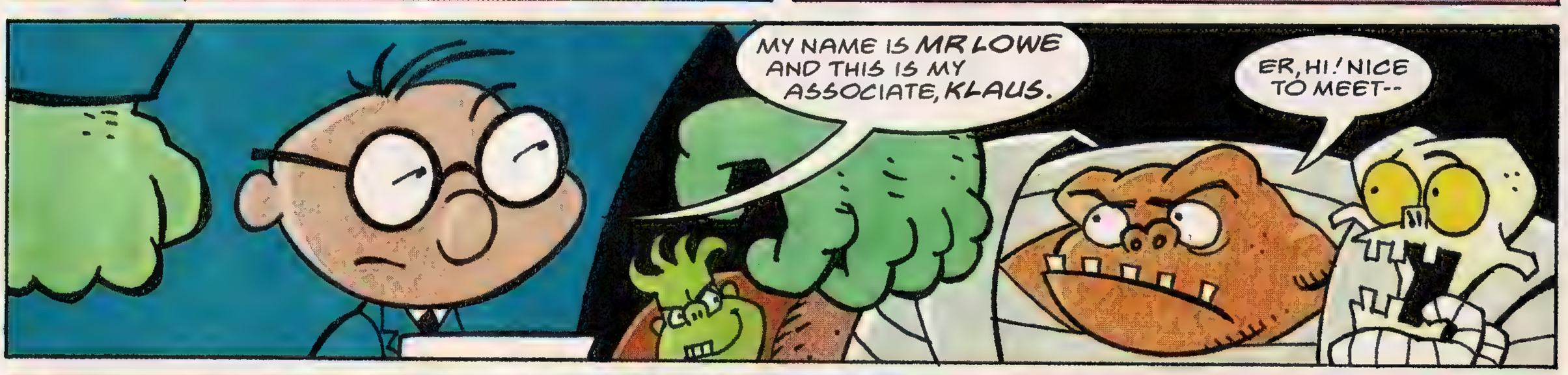

WE'RE FROM THE * T.F.B.'S CUSTOMER CARE DEPARTMENT. WE'VE COME TO TALK ABOUT THE *MONEY* YOU OWE US!

* TRANSYLVANIAN FRIENDLY BANK IN CASE YOU HADN'T FIGURED IT OUT — MEGADROID.

WHAT? NOW, JUST A MINUTE! EXPLAIN TO ME HOW...

KLAUS HANDLES EXPLANATIONS. KLAUS...?

KUNK!

KRR SSSH!

SMASSH!

TUNK!

KRUNCH!

DONG!

SPOK!

ONK!

BOY! HE HIT ME WITH EVERY-THING BUT THE *KITCHEN SINK!*

WANG!

AVERY

AS I WAS SAYING, WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR ACCOUNT IS NOW IN THE *RED!*

THIS IS A *COURTESY* VISIT ALL PART OF OUR CUSTOMER CARE PLAN!

HOW CAN I BE IN THE RED? I ONLY OPENED THE ACCOUNT *TWENTY MINUTES* AGO!

WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE *MONEY* I DEPOSITED?

WELL, THERE'S OUR STANDARD SETTING UP CHARGE, OF COURSE... THEN ADMINISTRATION COSTS, MANAGEMENT FEES, REGISTRATION FEES!

NOT TO MENTION THE EXPENSE OF PUTTING YOU ON OUR *PRIVILEGED CUSTOMER* DATABASE!

LOOK, THE *ONLY* REASON I JOINED WAS BECAUSE OF THIS LEAFLET IGOR GAVE TO ME!

Transylvanian Friendly Bank
Join Today And Get...
FREE MONEY!

OH, THAT'S ALL A FIB. IT'S WHAT ADVERTISING IS ALL ABOUT!

BUT YOU CAN'T JUST *LIE* TO GET CUSTOMERS... URK!

LOOK, SIR, IF WE WENT AROUND TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR BANK WE'D *NEVER* GET ANY CUSTOMERS!

AND WE WOULDN'T WANT *THAT*, WOULD WE?

IGOR, DID YOU TRICK CHUCK INTO JOINING THE MOST *FEARED* MONEY MEN IN THE BANKING UNDERWORLD?

WELL, IT'S A *LAUGH*, ISN'T IT?

IGOR YOU *CREEP*, I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS!

CALM YOURSELF, SIR. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS SIGN THIS FORM PROMISING TO PAY ALL YOUR DEBTS BY TOMORROW DINNER-TIME!

AND IF I CAN'T FIND THE MONEY?

IF YOU DO NOT RAISE THE FUNDS THE BANK WILL BE FORCED TO SELL YOU FOR *MEDICAL EXPERIMENT-ATION!*

SOUNDS *REASONABLE* TO ME. WHERE DO I SIGN?

CHUCK, NEIN! YOU DON'T KNOW VOT YOU'RE DOING!

HEH, HEH...

WE'LL BID YOU GOOD DAY, SIR.

AND REMEMBER OUR *MOTTO*... WE ARE THE BANK THAT LIKES TO SAY 'WE KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE'!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

OH BOY, THAT WAS *GREAT!*

HA HA HA HA!

MEDICAL EXPERIMENT-ATION... HA HA HA!

IF YOU THINK *THAT'S* FUNNY, WAIT 'TIL YOU HEAR *THIS*...

I SIGNED *YOUR* NAME ON THAT FORM!

NEXT ON OUR LIST IS A LITTLE OLD LADY WHO BORROWED FIFTY PENCE SO SHE COULD AFFORD TO *EAT* THIS WEEK!

PAH! PEOPLE LIKE HER, THEY'VE GOT IT *COMING!*

NOOOOOO!

NEXT ISSUE: DOUBLE SONIC- BEE PREPARED!

THE END

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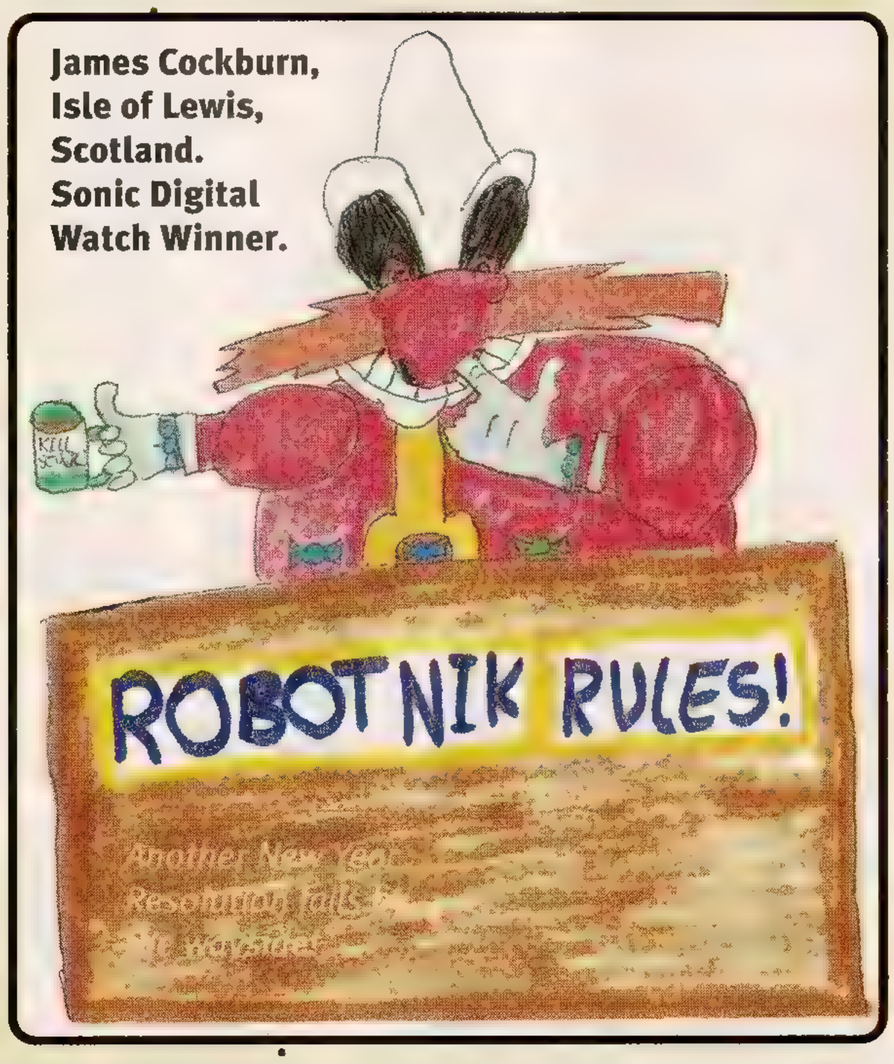

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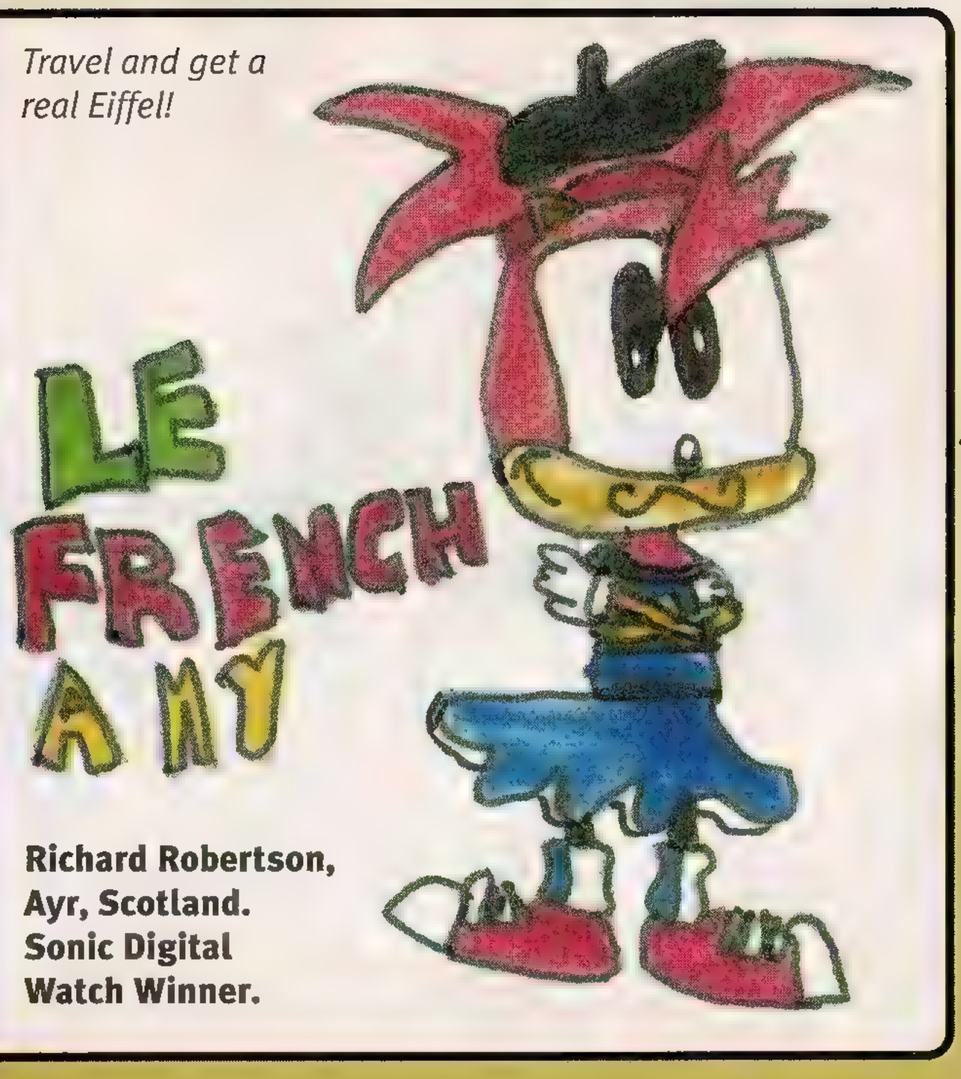

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new PART 1

BREAKOUT

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IT IS TIME FOR **AMBER**, THE ALIEN FROM PLANET **KAAMDARN**, TO RETURN TO HER WORLD...

ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T STAY FOR OUR **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**, AMBER ?

SADLY, AMY, I CANNOT. THE GATEWAY BETWEEN OUR DIMENSIONS WILL CLOSE SOON ! I MUST RETURN TODAY !

BEFORE I GO, I HAVE A **GIFT** FOR YOU, SHORTFUSE ! A **COMPUTER PROGRAM** DESIGNED BY **KAAMDAARN PSI TECHNOLOGY** !

Er, THANKS, AMBER, BUT I DON'T **SEE** ANYTHING !

I DON'T BELIEVE IT, TEKNO ! **LOOK** !

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS !

IT IS A SCIENCE **BEYOND** YOUR UNDERSTANDING ! **THERE** ! NOW IT IS WITHIN YOUR ARMOUR'S SYSTEM !

I...I FEEL **DIFFERENT** !

MY ARMOUR IS OPENING UP! I'M *FREE!* *

* ROBOTNIK TURNED SHORTY THE SQUIRREL INTO A CYBERNIK BACK IN ISSUE # 45! – Megadroid the Memory-Droid.

WOO! THIS IS GOING TO TAKE SOME GETTING USED TO! *THANK* YOU, AMBER!

NOW YOU CAN WEAR THE ARMOUR BY *CHOICE* WHENEVER YOU WANT TO!

WILL WE EVER SEE YOU AGAIN?

ONLY IF OUR DIMENSIONS BECOME PARALLEL AGAIN, BUT WHO KNOWS? *LOVE AND PEACE, DUDES!*

STAY COOL, AMBER!

WAHEYY! I'VE BEEN LOCKED INSIDE THAT ARMOUR FOR *TWO YEARS!* NOW I JUST WANNA *PARTY!*

AFTER TWO YEARS, MAYBE YOU SHOULD CONSIDER A *BATH* FIRST!

LATER, AT A PARTY IN THE METROPOLIS ZONE...

I'VE BROUGHT MY ARMOUR ALONG IN CASE THERE'S ANY *BADNIK* ACTIVITY!

RELAX, SHORTY! THE CITY BELL IS ABOUT TO RING IN THE *NEW YEAR!*

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HUMMM!

THINK AGAIN, TEKNO! I AM THE *PARTY POOPER* AND MY *MAGNETIC RAY* WILL *PREVENT* THE BELL FROM STRIKING MIDNIGHT! *YAHAHAAA!*

YES! BY STOPPING THE CITY CLOCK I HAVE EFFECTIVELY *FROZEN TIME ITSELF!* NOW IT WILL *NEVER* BE 1998! *HAH!*

GET REAL! TIME DOESN'T STAND STILL IF YOU STOP A *CLOCK*, YOU DOUGHNUT!

DONG!

DONG!

DONG...

BESIDES, IT'S A *BRASS* BELL SO YOUR MAGNET WON'T *AFFECT* IT!

Nng! I NEVER WAS VERY GOOD AT SCIENCE!

CHANGE OF PLAN! I'LL USE MY WEAPON TO DESTROY *SHORTFUSE!*

HUMM!

KRNNNG!

TOO BAD FOR YOU I WASN'T *WEARING* THE SUIT, POOPER!

AW NO! THIS ISN'T MY DAY!

BUMP!

AAGH! MY MAGNETIC RAY IS PULLING THAT SCAFFOLDING TOWARDS US!

I...I'M NOT USED TO DEALING WITH SITUATIONS *WITHOUT* MY ARMOUR! WHAT DO I DO?

MOVING OUT OF *DANGER* MIGHT BE A GOOD START!

CRRRASH!

Phew! THANKS, AMY!

POOPER, YOU'VE GOT TO BE THE MOST *USELESS* VILLAIN WE'VE EVER MET!

=Sigh.= I ONLY TURNED TO CRIME BECAUSE I'M NEVER INVITED TO PARTIES!

MAYBE YOU NEED TO DEVELOP A *MAGNETIC PERSONALITY!*

I'M MAKING A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO DO GOOD!

COOL! YOU WERE A REAL LOSER AS A VILLAIN!

...BUT, AT A NEARBY TOP SECURITY PRISON, POOPER'S MAGNETIC WAVES HAVE HAD UNEXPECTED RESULTS...

WEEOEEEOEEOW!!

RED ALERT! SOME OUTSIDE MAGNETIC ENERGY HAS RE-ACTIVATED THE PRISONER!

SMAASH!

I'M NOT A PRISONER ANY MORE, FOOLS!

LET THE WORLD BEWARE! VERMIN THE CYBERNIK IS OUT FOR REVENGE!

OH YEAH-- HAPPY NEW YEAR! HAH!

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